

Amendments to the Claims

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous amendments and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) Process for manufacturing a continuous yarn, ~~in which~~
comprising:

drawing a multiplicity of streams of molten material to form a multiplicity of continuous filaments ~~is formed by the mechanical drawing of a multiplicity of streams of molten thermoplastic(s);~~

~~and these~~ gathering the multiplicity of the filaments ~~are gathered into at least one the~~
yarn with a wheel[[,]]; and

~~characterized in that the~~ monitoring a position of the wheel to determine whether a
tension exerted by ~~a combination of some or all of these~~ the multiplicity of the filaments is
~~permanently monitored by detecting the transition of this tension~~ falls below a predetermined
value tension.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that the monitored tension is exerted by the said combination~~ wherein the multiplicity of
filaments ~~on a easter having~~ is gathered in a peripheral groove ~~in which they are engaged on~~
the wheel.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that the said combination of filaments is linked to a lever in such a way that the latter pivots~~
~~when the monitored tension passes below the said predetermined value, a magnetic detector~~
~~then being actuated~~ further comprising:

detecting a movement of a first end of a lever with a magnetic detector when the
tension falls below the predetermined tension, the second end of the lever connected to the
wheel.

4. and 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of~~ wherein the molten material comprises glass.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that the filaments are made of~~ wherein the molten material comprises glass and of at least one second thermoplastic.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that the said combination of filaments is linked to a lever in such a way that the latter pivots when the monitored tension passes below the said predetermined value, a magnetic detector then being actuated~~ further comprising:

detecting a movement of a first end of a lever with a magnetic detector when the tension falls below the predetermined tension, the second end of the lever connected to the wheel.

9. and 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of~~ wherein the molten material comprises glass.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of~~ wherein the molten material comprises glass.

13. and 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of~~ wherein the molten material comprises glass and of at least one second thermoplastic.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ The process according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that the filaments are made exclusively of~~ wherein the molten material comprises glass and of at least one second thermoplastic.

17. and 18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A method of a determining breakage of at least one filament of a yarn:
gathering a plurality of filaments into the yarn with a wheel; and
monitoring a movement of the wheel to determine whether the at least one filament
has broken.

20. (New) The method according to claim 19, further comprising:
disposing the wheel on a first end of a lever, wherein
the movement of the wheel is monitored by detecting a movement of a second end of
the lever.

21. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the movement of the wheel is
monitored by detecting the movement of the second end of the lever with a magnetic
detector,

22. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the lever is configured to
pivot about an axis.

23. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the wheel is configured to
pivot around an axis.

24. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of filaments is
gathered into the yarn by a peripheral groove on the wheel.